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Appointment of District Munsifs.

* 2040 *Q.*—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the rules regarding reservation to Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services were observed in the matter of appointment of District Munsifs from candidates selected from service personnel in 1954; and

(*b*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" May I know the total number of persons recruited and appointed from backward classes? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Fifty candidates were selected and 13 members of the backward classes were found eligible and they have been selected."

Purchase of cameras by the Block Development Officers.

* 2041 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Block Development Officers are authorized to purchase camera from the National Extension Service Scheme funds;

(*b*) if so, the number of cameras purchased and for what use; and

(*c*) whether the Block Development Officers, Tiruvallur and Kadambattur, Chingleput district, have purchased cameras and if so, their cost?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Sixteen cameras were purchased by the Block Development Officers for taking photographs for publicity purposes from out of the funds placed at the disposal of the Collectors for Discretionary Grants under the old Rural Welfare schemes. Some have also been purchased from the funds allotted under ' Social Education ' in the National Extension Service Schemes.

" (*c*) The Block Development Officers, Tiruvallur and Kadambathur, Chingleput district, have purchased one camera each at a cost of Rs. 400 and Rs. 209, respectively for use in their blocks."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister when one Block Development Officer has purchased the camera at a cost of Rs. 200 and odd, what was the necessity for